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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, NSA/A4

THROUGH: TALENT Control Officer, NSA

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ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Search for ICBM/Space Vehicle Operations  
Near Baykonur, USSR

REFERENCES: (a) Requirement NSA/A4/R20-6  
(b) NPIC Project JN-210/61

1. This memorandum is in answer to a request for a detailed examination of the area within a 20-nautical-mile radius of Baykonur (47-50N 66-03E) in Soviet Kazakhstan for evidence of an ICBM/space vehicle launch facility. According to Soviet open-source literature, Baykonur was the launch point for spaceships Vostok I and II.

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2. No ICBM/space vehicle facility or associated activity was observed in the area on photography of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] These [REDACTED] missions include all of the available usable coverage of the Baykonur area. The following photography was examined for the purpose of this area search:

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3. There is no photographic evidence in the Kazakhstan area to indicate a capability for Soviet ICBM or space vehicle launchings from other than the known launch points at Tyura Tam Missile Test Center.

**FOR THE DIRECTOR, NPIC**

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Operations Officer

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